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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Security

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SUBJECT

: Name Traces

- 1. The Office of Munitions Control, Department of State, telephoned and asked if the Agency had any relationship with either the company or individuals listed below. These people are currently involved in selling helicopter parts to the government of El Salvador and State feels this may be a "flimflam" operation and wants to officially notify the government of El Salvador to warn them of the reputation of these individuals. Therefore, State has requested us to search our records and determine if we have had any relationship with them.
 - a. Joseph Raymond Merola, DPOB: 9 October 1925, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania;
 - b. Henry Meirhoffer, a Miami entrepreneur who was involved in shipping B-25 aircraft without a license to Biafra during the Civil War in Nigeria; and
 - c. The Patterson Corporation, lists two addresses: 7855 Ivanhoe Street, La Jolla, California; and 3016-B South Halladay Street, Santa Ana, California.
- 2. You are requested to check the above names and respond by COB Friday, 25 January 1974.

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